

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 619

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael J. Moran**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal relief.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael J. Moran	18th Suffolk
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Michael A. Costello	1st Essex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Charles Murphy	21st Middlesex
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL RELIEF.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide for additional tax revenue for cities and towns, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 59, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Third," in line 32 the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, real property of a charitable organization, which term, as used in this clause, shall mean (1) a literary, educational, benevolent, charitable or scientific institution or temperance society incorporated in the commonwealth, and (2) a trust for literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific or temperance purposes if it is established by a declaration of trust executed in the commonwealth or all its trustees are appointed by a court or courts in the commonwealth and if its principal literary, benevolent, charitable, scientific or temperance purposes are solely carried out within the commonwealth or its literary, benevolent, charitable, scientific or temperance purposes are principally and usually carried out within the commonwealth; shall be taxed at 25 per cent of the commercial real property rate. Pursuant to a filing under section 8F of chapter 12, a charitable organization may petition the local assessor to grant a complete exemption on all real property